

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-26 were pending in this application. Claims 1-26 were rejected. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. Thus, claims 1-26 remain pending.

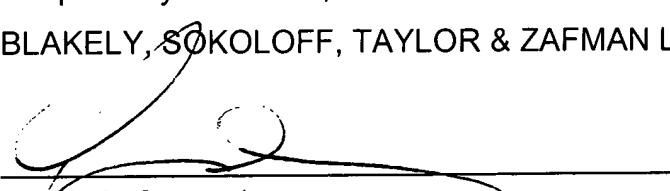
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Examiner interview, conducted on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. The Examiner has suggested that more diligence data is needed regarding Matsumoto. Applicants are preparing declarations from the inventors, and will be providing such data in the near future.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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